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I entered the house on Alfred Déhodencq this morning simultaneously with Tommy. He had a telegram from the Department requiring immediate action. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee wants to shut off even pipe line deliveries and commitments out of past aid funds to the non-ratifying EDC countries, France and Italy. I wrote an answer as follows:

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"SENT: SECSTATE WASHINGTON. COLED 7. NIACT.

"RE DEPTEL 126 July 10.

"Have consulted General Gruenther who will send his views in own telegram. Ambassador Dillon is temporarily away and will comment separately.

"From my standpoint, have no objection to proposed draft terminating with QUOTE as have ratified the treaty UNQUOTE. However, I most definitely hope remainder commencing QUOTE or have joined together, etc. UNQUOTE will be completely eliminated and no substitute found for it. This language or any like it would provide French EDC opponents with golden opportunity to open interminable negotiations on program alternative to EDC. Moreover, it will encourage them to think US Government has relaxed its firm stand in support present EDC Treaty and is prepared for new negotiations. Nothing could be worse at this juncture where four signatory nations plus US and UK have demanded in effect a vote on EDC text before summer Parliamentary recess and have refused to entertain any alternative proposal except (in the case of Benelux countries) that of admission of Germany to full membership in NATO without discrimination. BRUCE."

~~Lunched at Marne la Coquette~~ with Al Gruenther, Bob Stevens, Laurie Norstad, Cort Schuyler, John Hughes, and Mr. Swann of the Defense Department. Availed myself of the occasion to send a gift of Porthault sheets to Pauline Davis who, I am told, is not improving in health. If the McCarthy hearings have distressed Bob it is not evident in his appearance or bearing. This morning's telegram instructed

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Gruenther, Dillon and myself to consult together, and I talked to Martin Herz on the telephone. Al thought my answer covered my connection with the subject.

I went over to Versailles this afternoon, where E. and her Aunt Cynthia, the famous beauty, who had arrived last night from Portugal, joined me, with Nicky in their train.

At lunch we talked about the reported refusal of Dulles to attend the Geneva meetings next week. It was the sense of most of us that he should do so; my view is that he need not and probably should not come personally, but should send Bedell. Stevens undertook to convey our thoughts on this subject to Foster and the President upon his return tomorrow to Washington.

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